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1. PAO DISCUSSED BEHR CASE WITH BOUALEM HADROUG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION, MINISTRY INFORMATION AND CULTURE, ON AUGUST 7. (MEMCON POUCHED AUGUST 11.) WHEN HADROUG ADVISED OF BEHR TRUNAWAY AUGUST 6, HE REPEATED PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN REFTTEL, THAT JOURNALISTS MUST OBTAIN ACCREDITATION THROUGH ALGERIAN EMBASSY. FOISIE QUESTION RAISED, SINCE HE HAD TAKEN THAT ROUTE IN CAIRO, BUT NO RESPONSE.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY IN CONVERSATION, HADROUG BROUGHT OUT BEHR DOSSIER WHICH CONTAINED TYPEWRITTEN TEXT OF BEHR BOOK REVIEW OF THE PRIVATE LIFE OF ISLAM WHICH APPEARED IN NEWSWEEK LAST NOVEMBER. CURIOUSLY, BEHR HAD PLANNED TO COME TO ALGIERS A FEW DAYS AFTER THE REVIEW APPEARED, BUT CANCELLED THE LAST MINUTE ON HIS OWN. EMBASSY BELEIVES BEHR REJECTION PROBABLY CAUSED AS MUCH BY ARTICLE AS BY NEW PROCEDURES. IN HADROUG CONVERSATION, PAO EMPHASIZED

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BEHR'S HIGH POSITION WITH NEWSWEEK. ALTHOUGH COPIES

BEHR DOSSIER PROBABLY EXIST IN PRESIDENCY AND MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS WELL AS MINISTRY OF INFORMATION  
AND CULTURE, BELIEVE HE STANDS REASONABLE CHANCE FOR  
ENTRY, IF PROPER PROCEDURES FOLLOWED. HE SHOULD,  
HOWEVER, WAIT UNTIL AT LEAST AFTER RAMADAN, WHICH WOULD  
BE ABOUT A YEAR AFTER HIS CRITICAL REVIEW APPEARED.  
THAT IS USUAL PERIOD OF PENANCE FOR SUCH MISDEMANORS.  
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